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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE  
LITIGATION

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EDGAR ORELLANA,

Civil Action No.: 07 CV 5398

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC., VERIZON  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., VERIZON NEW YORK, INC.  
AND VERIZON PROPERTIES, INC., ET AL,

Defendant(s).

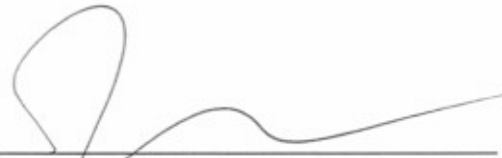
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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION,  
as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off  
Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts  
ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8,  
2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site  
Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York  
October 15, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger P. McTiernan, Jr.', is written over a horizontal line.

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